

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following after the title and before the "Technical Field":

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1 at line 27 as follows:

--Figs. 6A and 6B show structure of a capacitor element to be used in solid electrolytic capacitors. Fig. 6A shows a perspective view of the capacitor element and Fig. 6B shows a sectional view of the element shown in Fig. 6A taken along ~~line C—C'~~ line 6B-6B. Valve metal 31 is roughened by etching process, and has anodic oxide film 32 (hereinafter referred to simply as "film") on its surface. Insulating tape 33 disposed on film 32 divides valve metal 31 into anode leader 31A and capacitor element section 31B. On the surface of film 32 of capacitor element section 31B, the following two layers are formed in this order: solid electrolyte layer 34 made of conductive polymer, and conductive layer 35 made of a carbon layer and a silver paste layer. Capacitor element 36 is thus constructed.--